

**RESOLUTION**  
**OF SEJM OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND**  
of 9 March 2023  
**on the defence of the good name of St. John Paul II**

During his first pilgrimage to Poland, Pope John Paul II uttered the historic words in Warsaw:

"Let your Spirit come down!  
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And He will renew the face of the earth.  
This Earth!"

His words and deeds demonstrated and awakened love for the Fatherland, actively supporting the Polish people in their efforts to regain freedom and an independent state existence.

The Sejm of the Republic of Poland strongly condemns the media's disgraceful campaign, based largely on materials of the apparatus of violence of the People's Republic of Poland, whose target is the Great Pope – St. John Paul II, the most outstanding Pole in history. This is an attempt to discredit John Paul II with materials that not even the Communists dared to use.

"Saint John Paul II holds a special place in the history of Poland and Europe. His resolute insistence on our homeland's right to freedom among the nations of Europe and his practical defence of our nation's rights made the Holy Father the most important of the fathers of Poland's independence." – proclaims the Sejm's resolution establishing 2020 as the Year of John Paul II, adopted just four years ago almost unanimously, above political divisions.

The thoughts contained in his teaching remain important guidelines for shaping social life. "History teaches that democracy without values is easily transformed into overt or camouflaged totalitarianism"; these words of the Polish Pope, spoken in the Sejm building in 1999, are unfortunately becoming more and more relevant today.

We will not allow the image of the man whom the entire free world recognizes as a pillar of victory over the evil empire to be destroyed. Pope John Paul II is a symbol of Poland's regaining its independence and liberation from the Russian sphere of influence, as world leaders have repeatedly reminded in their speeches, including US President Joe Biden during his recent visit to Poland.

John Paul II is an excellent authority for Poles and societies worldwide. He bore witness to faith, kindness and patriotism. The Sejm of the Republic of Poland expresses respect for the work of John Paul II and his contribution to the history of Poland, Europe and the world. At the same time, the Sejm of the Republic of Poland considers it its duty to future generations to remember that the Polish Pope was a tireless advocate of human rights and defender of the poor in all corners of the world. He showed particular sensitivity to the rights of working people and social justice.

As MPs, we express our gratitude to all citizens who have stood up for St. John Paul II. This was done both by people far from the Church and those who belong to it and have been fighting for years to correct the mistakes made after the abuses were revealed.

Let our attitude be a testimony to all those who try to take away our dignity and erase our memory. John Paul II was a model not only for the public but also for the entire political class at a time when our democracy was being born. The Polish people and their democratically elected representatives will never allow his memory to be destroyed with materials fabricated by the communist system, which he opposed.

In recognition of the merits of John Paul II for the defence of identity, freedom and the national community, the Sejm of the Republic of Poland pays tribute and gratitude to the great compatriot.

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